

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8-14 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 8, 13 and 14 are amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Claim 14 Satisfies the Requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 14 is amended. Withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 8, 13, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,301,607 to Barracrough et al.; Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Barracrough et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,453,078 to Bubie et al.; and Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Barracrough et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,838,314 to Neel et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The applied art does not teach, disclose or suggest a receiving unit configured to receive data transmitted from a plurality of user apparatus, and a user contents control unit configured to control recording of the data received by the receiving unit into a recording area corresponding to each user apparatus, as claimed in Claim 8 and similarly claimed in Claims 13 and 14.

Instead, Barracrough et al. is directed to sharing photo images that are downloaded and sent to a web server. Specifically, the images are captured with a digital camera or camcorder 100 and downloaded to an Internet appliance 110. The images are attached to an electronic communication and sent to a web server 120 via the Internet. At the web server

120, the images are parsed and posted to a web page. A second electronic communication is automatically sent from the web server 120 to individuals selected by the sender of the images, notifying the individuals of the new posting on the web page. As such, Barraclough et al. is directed to providing a means for a realtor to capture video images of real estate property, download them to the internet appliance 110 and then to the server 120 to be posted on a web site for potential buyers. That is, the web server 120 receives data transmitted from a single user, for example a real estate agent, and posts the images to a web page for other individuals.

In contrast, the independent claims recite a receiving unit configured to receive data transmitted from a plurality of user apparatus, and a control unit configured to control recording of the data received by the receiving unit into a recording area corresponding to each user apparatus. Again, Barraclough et al. does not teach, disclose or suggest these features as Barraclough et al. is directed to allowing a single user to download pictures and post them on a web site.

Neither Bubie et al. nor Neel et al. make up for the deficiencies of Barraclough et al. discussed above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 is respectfully requested.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 8-14 is patentably distinguishing over the applied art. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

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